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## **GSM Program Activity Monthly Summary**

The table below lists the GSM –102 program activity results for Turkey as of November 17, 2006. You may reach this information through the USDA web site from the link below:

<http://www.fas.usda.gov/excredits/Monthly/ecg.html>

**Table 1.** Summary of FY 2007 Export Credit Guarantee program activity for GSM- 102 as of close of business: November 17, 2006

<b>Commodity</b>	<b>Announced Allocation FY 2007</b>	<b>Exporter Applications Received</b>	<b>Balance</b>
	\$ 325 million		
Animal Feed Prod.		0.50 million	
Corn Products		1.20 million	
Cotton		19 million	
Hides/ Skins		1.10 million	
Oilseeds		9.70 million	
Vegetable Oils		7.50 million	
Wood Pulp		1.0 million	
Other Com.		0	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 325 million</b>	<b>\$ 40 million</b>	<b>\$ 285 million</b>

## **U.S. - Turkey Bilateral Agricultural Trade**

According to data from the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the value of exports of agricultural products from the United States to Turkey dropped by 5 percent in the first 10 months of 2006 in comparison to the same period of 2005. There was a decrease in U.S. exports of rice, soybean meal and planting seeds to Turkey in 2006. In the first ten months of 2006, rice and soybean meal exports to Turkey fell by 88 percent and 47 percent respectively. Rice exports fell to \$4 million and soybean meal exports to \$19 million. Soybean oil exports, however,

reached \$ 2.2 million during the same period of 2006. From January through October 2005, U.S. soybean oil exports to Turkey were valued at only \$10,000.

The drop in soybean meal exports was a result of the Avian Influenza outbreak in 2006, as the poultry sector shrunk. Furthermore, the duty on soybean meal was raised in March 2006. Because of the reduced soybean crush, however, soybean oil exports reached \$2.2 million from January through October 2006. Even though export quantity of fruit and vegetable juices decreased by 75 percent in 2006, the value of exports decreased only by 7 percent.

The value of U.S. agricultural, forestry and fishery imports from Turkey increased by 13 percent in the first 10 months of 2006 compared to the same period of 2005. Sugar, sweetener, bases, fresh fruits/ vegetables and fruit/ vegetable juices were the major growth categories.

You may find more statistical information on the FAS website:

[www.fas.usda.gov/data.asp](http://www.fas.usda.gov/data.asp)

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### **Welcome theNew Administrative Assistant to FAS Ankara Office**

It is a pleasure to welcome Ms. Nilgün Birinci as she joins the FAS Ankara office staff as Administrative Assistant. Ms. Birinci received her university degree at Charles Sturt University in New South Wales, Australia. She majored in Computing under Industrial Mathematics and Computing. She has been the Office Manager at Thales Airborne Systems within Turkish Aerospace Industries. We are happy to have her in our staff and are excited to work with her.

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### **Attaché Reporting News**

Recent agriculture reports submitted by the Ankara and Istanbul offices include; Ice Cream Market (TU6039), Citrus Annual (TU6051) and Sugar Semi- Annual (TU6047). Upcoming reports will include Tree Nuts, Grain and Feed and Stone Fruit annual reports. These reports, all previous reports, and similar reports for countries around the world can be found by clicking on "Attaché Reports" from the main website at: [www.fas.usda.gov](http://www.fas.usda.gov)

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# Happy New Year

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to you and your families for a prosperous and happy new year.

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